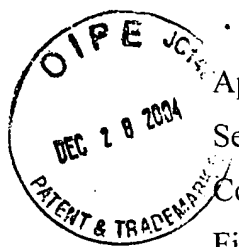


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- (X) Drawing Transmittal with three (3) Sheets of Replacement Drawings including FIGs. 1-4.
- (X) Petition for Extension of Time Transmittal w/ a check in the amount of 450.00 to cover the Petition fee.
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- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 4.

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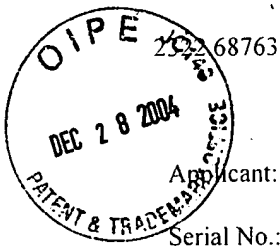
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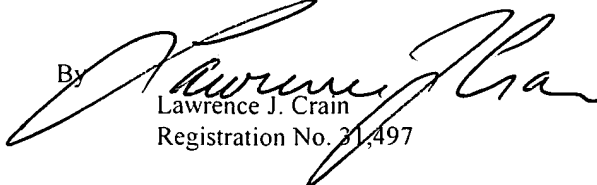
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- ( ) \_\_\_ sheets of redlined drawing(s) which indicate proposed changes to the drawing(s). Upon approval of these proposed changes, formal drawing(s) will be submitted.
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- (X) 3 sheets of replacement formal drawing(s). Please substitute these replacement formal drawing(s) for the drawing(s) originally filed.
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Examiner's approval of the entry of these drawings is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

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